

Columbus Energy Review Committee
Agenda, June 6, 2014

- I. General direction of the Review Committee
 - a. Is there an initial sentiment to recommend moving forward on aggregation?
 - b. If yes, should both gas and electric be explored or just one of the two?
 - c. If no, what is the underlying reason?
- II. Experience of other cities
 - a. What benefits did we hear identified?
 - b. What negatives did we hear identified?
 - c. What challenges were identified?
- III. In addition to lower bills, are there other possible benefits?
 - a. Local economic development
 - b. General energy education
 - c. Renewable generation (wind, solar, hydro, landfill gas, etc.)
 - i. Renewable energy credits
 - ii. Local deployment (city, region, state)
 - iii. Impact on costs
 - d. Energy efficiency
 - i. General education
 - ii. Organized programs (weatherization, lights, appliances, etc.)
 - iii. Impact on costs
- IV. Should the program be opt-out or opt-in?
 - a. Should people in original plan be allowed to opt out?
 - b. Should people not in original plan be allowed to opt in?
 - c. Should there be a fee imposed to do either?

- V. If we recommend both gas and electric, should they be designed/bid independently or in a combined solicitation?
 - a. Can the different statutory timelines be reconciled?
 - b. Can one offset volatility of the other?
 - c. What vendors would be excluded by the choice?

- VI. Are there specific issues we want to flag to Mayor and Council for their consideration?
 - a. Vendor eligibility: are there criteria beyond PUCO certification? (credit rating, experience with aggregation programs, vendor location, customer relations track record, etc.)
 - b. Duration of contract
 - i. In a volatile market, length of contract contributes to risk exposure
 - ii. Timing of bid
 - iii. Escape clauses
 - c. Decision points for city
 - i. At what point is the city locked in to implementing aggregation?
 - ii. Can the city choose to accept none of the bids?
 - iii. What's the full timeline for implementation and how far into the future is city projecting energy prices?
 - d. The process itself
 - i. Will Council hold hearings?
 - ii. Assuming moving forward, should there be a citizens advisory group for the campaign?
 - iii. Who will run a campaign, what will it cost and will it accept donations?
 - iv. Should there be a citizens advisory committee for drawing up the solicitation and/or reviewing responses?

- VII. Issue for June 13 meeting and preparation of final recommendation